

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION WORK
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Pollachi-Palakkad gauge conversion work has been started;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made sofar for gauge conversion of Pollachi-Podanur rail line; and
- (c) the expected completion and commencement of rail service to Coimbatore-Dindigul and Palakad-Dindigul rail section?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) and (b): Gauge conversion of Pollachi-Palakkad and Pollachi-Podanur sections are part of Dindigul-Pollachi-Palghat (Palakkad) & Pollachi-Coimbatore (225 Km) gauge conversion project. On this project, Dindigul-Pollachi (121 Km) and Coimbatore-Podanur (6 Km) sections have already been completed. Track linking in Pollachi-Palakkad (58 Km) has been completed and that in the balance portion have been taken up.

(c): The project is targeted for completion in 2015-16 and passenger train services can be introduced thereafter.